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Dry Bean Production

Michigan's 2014 dry bean production is estimated at 4.14 million cwt, up from 3.27 million cwt in 2013, according to Kif Hurlbut, Acting Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The average yield is 2,000 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from last year. For the week including August 1, 75 percent of the crop was reported to be in good to excellent condition.

Production of dry edible beans is forecast at 28.7 million cwt, up 17 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.67 million acres, up 23 percent from 2013. Harvested area is forecast at 1.61 million acres, 23 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,784 pounds per acre, a decrease of 83 pounds from a year ago.

In North Dakota, planting was virtually complete by June 22, well ahead of last year but equal to the 5-year average. As of August 3, development remained behind the normal pace. In Nebraska, planting was virtually complete by June 22, near the normal pace. By early-August, the crop was rated mostly good to excellent. Michigan's planting began ahead of schedule and was finished by the end of June. Conditions have been favorable for the crop and by August 1 the crop was rated 75 percent good to excellent.

Dry beans: Planted acres by class

Class	Michigan			United States		
	2013	2014	Percent change	2013	2014	Percent change
	1,000 Acres	*1,000 Acres*		*1,000 Acres*	*1,000 Acres*	
Navy	60,000	72,000	20	174,200	248,500	43
Black	78,500	98,000	25	143,100	216,200	51
Cranberry	3,500	3,900	11	4,100	7,300	78
Red kidney, dark	2,300	2,400	4	46,700	57,800	24
Red kidney, light	7,900	7,100	-10	43,200	50,500	17
Pinto	2,300	1,900	-17	485,100	603,200	24
Small red	15,500	16,500	6	26,000	33,500	29
Great northern	([1])			75,500	87,900	16
Other	5,000	8,200	64	62,000	67,300	9
Total	175,000	210,000	20	1,354,700	1,671,900	23

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